

OPINION 1598

***Ophonus* Dejean, 1821 and *Tachys* Dejean, 1821 (Insecta, Coleoptera):
Carabus sabulicola Panzer, 1796 and *Tachys scutellaris* Stephens, 1828
designated as the respective type species**

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers:
 - (a) all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Ophonus* Dejean, 1821 are hereby set aside and *Carabus sabulicola* Panzer, 1796 is designated as type species;
 - (b) all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Tachys* Dejean, 1821 are hereby set aside and *Tachys scutellaris* Stephens, 1828 is designated as type species.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Ophonus* Dejean, 1821 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above *Carabus sabulicola* Panzer, 1796;
 - (b) *Tachys* Dejean, 1821 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above *Tachys scutellaris* Stephens, 1828.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *sabulicola* Panzer, 1796, as published in the binomen *Carabus sabulicola* (specific name of the type species of *Ophonus* Dejean, 1821);
 - (b) *scutellaris* Stephens, 1828, as published in the binomen *Tachys scutellaris* (specific name of the type species of *Tachys* Dejean, 1821).

History of Case 2585

An application for the designation of *Carabus sabulicola* Panzer, 1796 and *Tachys scutellaris* Stephens, 1828 as the respective type species of *Ophonus* Dejean, 1821 and *Tachys* Dejean, 1821 was received from Dr H. Silfverberg (*Universitetets Zoologiska Museum, Helsingfors, Finland*) on 7 November 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 45: 278–279 (December 1988). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 45: 278–279. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen (in part), Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Starobogatov.

Lehtinen commented that the application did not give any reason for the retention of *Tachys* Dejean, 1821, and accordingly he voted against the proposals relating to that nominal genus [however, reference was made in the application to a relevant paper by Erwin (1974)].

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Ophonus Dejean, 1821, *Catalogue de la collection de Coléoptères de M. le Baron Dejean*, p. 13.

sabulicola, *Carabus*, Panzer, 1796, *Fauna Insectorum Germaniae initia*, part 30, p. 4.

scutellaris, *Tachys*, Stephens, 1828, *Illustrations of British Entomology, Mandibulata*, vol. 2, p. 5.

Tachys Dejean, 1821, *Catalogue de la collection de Coléoptères de M. le Baron Dejean*, p. 16.